

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

Youth Innovation Fund for Youth Directed Civic Action launched. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Academy for Educational Development are launching a Youth Innovation Fund for Youth-Directed Civic Action. Request for Proposals have been released to select eight model sites across the U.S. which have innovative civic action projects chosen and carried out by young people between the ages of 12 and 19. Consortiums consisting of three to four local organizations along with a core group of young people may apply for participation in the fund. For more information on this project, visit: <http://www.servicelearningpartnership.org>.

Deadline: June 13.

Cincinnati Youth Employment and Development Initiative (YEDI) receives funds from the Department of Labor (DOL) to expand services. DOL will provide \$2 million to the YEDI to provide summer jobs and year-round workforce services to area teens. The program is overseen by the Urban League, Citizen's Committee on Youth and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency. During the first year the program put about 2,000 youth to work and raised close to \$3 million from public and private sources. This year's program has received wide support from the business community with more than 40 sites offering unsubsidized positions.

University of Southern Mississippi Sponsors Employment and Disability Conference.

The University of Mississippi along with the State Development Authority will host a conference July 23-25 for workforce professionals interested in learning about effective programs that get youth with disabilities employed. For more information visit: <http://www.ids.usm.edu/WorkforceProgramsRegistration.asp>.

The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) announces Competitive Grants.

ODEP has announced the availability of \$1.8 million to award up to eight competitive grants to assist States in implementing the High School/ High Tech Program on a statewide basis. The purpose of these grants is to assist states, working in partnerships with the State Workforce Investment Board in implementing a statewide HS/HT program. State agencies are eligible to apply. Additional information may be obtained on the ODEP website. **Deadline: July 21.**

\$3 million is available to award grants for improving transition outcomes for youth with disabilities. Up to 6 competitive grants in the amount of approximately \$500,000 will be awarded to eligible State Workforce Investment Boards or the functional equivalent State entities. Indian and Native American tribal entities are also eligible to apply. The purpose of the grants is to help states conduct resource mapping to assess their youth service delivery, and the development of multi-state plan to improve transition outcomes for youth with disabilities. Further details may be found in the June 16 [Federal Register](#). **Deadline for application: July 28.**

Seattle launches Case Management Series. The Seattle Jobs Initiative in partnership with Antioch University has initiated a 60 hour case management training series. The training is designed specifically for support workers who work with high-needs clients on employment issues. It covers special focus areas, including mental health, homelessness/housing, domestic violence, learning disabilities, substance abuse and criminal justice. Additional information may be obtained at akeeney@seattlejobsinit.com.

Libri Foundation provides Books to Rural Public Libraries. The Libri Foundation a non-profit organization works with local library organizations to encourage and support local libraries. A library can receive new children books through the Foundation's Books Children program. For more information, visit the Libri Foundation website at: <http://www.librifoundation.org/>.

Deadline: July 15.

Sun Microsystems Donates Equipment to Eligible Educational Organizations. The Sun Microsystems donates equipment to eligible educational organizations that have developed creative projects that address the company's investment priorities and create partnerships for success. The program provides hardware donations to K-12 schools, colleges, and universities. For more information visit the website for Sun Microsystems. **Deadlines for application: June 30, September 30, and December 30.**

Program Spotlight

Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council receives Grant to Support After-School Youth Development Programs. The school-based program for 4th-12th graders includes academic and social enrichment, mentoring and opportunities for community service. For additional information, contact Kristen Carter at: kcarter@portlandcampfire.org or call 503-224-7800.

Funding Opportunities

The Corporation for National and Community Service announces the availability of grant funds. The National Corporation for National and Community Service will award \$4,167,000 in grant funds to a nonprofit organization to implement the Parent Drug Corps Program. The purpose of the award is to: (1) fund a national training system, and (2) develop a network of volunteer parents engaged in a nationwide substance abuse prevention effort. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Additional information may be obtained from the Corporation's website, visit: <http://www.cns.gov/whatshot/notices.html>. **Deadline: July 14.**

Constitutional Rights Foundation's Robinson will Award Mini-Grants. The foundation provides mini-grants for K-12 service learning projects designed to address serious community issues. For guidelines and an application, go to the Maurice R. Robinson Fund website at: http://crf-usa.org/network/crf_robin.html.

Dollar General's offers Community Grants. The Dollar General stores provides funds to support for non-profit organizations committed to the advancement of literacy, drop out prevention and character education. For additional information visit: <http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx>. **Deadlines: September 5 and December 5.**

MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence (CCE) Awards. The MetLife Foundation CCE Awards, administered by Jobs for the Future, recognizes community colleges that have been effective in helping students from underserved populations. The awardees will receive a \$30,000 cash award and national recognition. For more information, visit Jobs for the Future website at: <http://www.jff.org/jff/approaches/youthtrans/showcase/CCExcellence.html>. **Deadline: August 1.**

Grants available Under The Presidential Freedom Scholarships Initiative. The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the New Freedom initiative. Scholarships under this initiative are designed to highlight and promote service and citizenship by students and recognize them for their leadership in those areas. More than 25,000 scholarships have been awarded to students nationwide. Through this program, high schools may select up to two students – junior or seniors to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of outstanding leadership in service to their community. For additional information visit the Presidential Freedom Scholarships website at: <http://nationalservice.org/scholarships/>.

Youth Leaders for Literacy: Reading-Related Service Program for Youth. The National Education Association and Youth Service America developed the Youth Leaders for Literacy program to encourage and celebrate literacy service. It also provides youth with resources to conduct reading-related activities that benefit others. For additional information visit the National Education Association website at: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>.

Publications/Reports/Resources

Dimensions of School/Community Collaboration: What It Takes to Make Collaboration Work. This report highlights promising practices in successful after school collaborations identified through literature review, survey, telephone interviews and case studies. To obtain a copy of this publication, visit the National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations website at: http://www.nasassembly.org/nasassembly/html/prod_you.html.

A National Youth Development Agenda: Public Policy Positions of the National Collaboration for Youth 2002-2003 includes the following eight policy statements: Positive Youth Development, Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention, Youth Employment, Meeting the Needs of Youth under TANF, Youth Community Service and Service Learning, Runaway and Homeless Youth, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, and After School and Summer Programs. To obtain a copy of this publication, visit the National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations website at: http://www.nasassembly.org/nasassembly/html/prod_you.html.

The Summer Job Market for the Nation's Teenagers from 2000-2002 and the Employment Outlook for the Summer of 2003: The Case for a Federally Funded Jobs Stimulus for Youth. This study provides discusses the decline of summer employment opportunities for youth in 2003. To obtain a copy of the report go to the News for Northeastern website at: <http://www.nupr.neu.edu/5-03/summerjobs.html>.

Websites

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE). This website contains hundreds of federally supported teaching and learning resources. For more information, visit <http://www.ed.gov/free/>.

Calendar of Events

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June 16-18. Columbia, SC. Summer Institute on Teen Pregnancy. Contact 803-771-7700.

June 18-20. Oakland, CA. Gesell Institute-Older Child Workshops. Contact 203-777-3481.

June 23-24. Washington, DC. 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Contact 202-328-2000.

June 26-29. King of Prussia, PA. International Association for Learning Alternatives. Contact: 503-725-4114.

July 8-10. Washington, DC. Workforce Innovations 2003. Visit the following website: <http://www.workforceinnovations.org/>.

July 9-12. Claremont, CA. Youth to Youth International. Western States Regional Youth Leadership Conference: Contact: 614-224-4506.

July 16-18. Omaha, NE. Girls, Inc., Conference. Contact: 402-457-4676.

September 17-19, Washington, D.C. PEPNet '03 Institute and Awards Ceremony. Contact the National Youth Employment Coalition at 202-659-1064.

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Youth Resource Connections provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

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